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CORRESPONDENCE

THE WAR MEMORIAL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.]

Sir.—When first the writer learned that a Memorial worthy of Our Honoured Dead was to be erected on the "best site in the Colony" he said to himself that this was far-and-away too good to be true. That all these dollars were to be squandered by the Hongkong Public merely to perpetuate an idea was unthinkable. Now the same Public—running again true to form—have, in meeting assembled, turned down the Memorial as a Memorial; and we are now to have some kind of a Nursery-Chub-Pub, which will perpetuate nothing but the activities of the Y.M.C.A. and the cleverness of their management in embracing an exceptional opportunity to exploit the utilitarianism of the age.

It would be interesting to know what local intellect first evolved the fine idea of a simple Memorial, and how the Government was induced to give the "best site" away, without return, for an ideal. Why, somebody must have done some thinking. They must have said to themselves—What then is a memorial? Let us all ask of ourselves that question. Sit down to it. Take your head in your hands. Give your brains a chance, and you'll get the only possible answer.

A Memorial is just a Memorial—that and nothing more. If it is anything else, or attached, enclosed, surrounded, encumbered, associated with anything else it is not a Memorial. If it is a Hospital, or a Hall, or a Club, or a Pub, or a Home for Lost Hogs, Dogs, or Sailors (God bless 'em!), then it is not a Memorial, but merely a Club, Pub, or the others, as the case may be.

The first and foremost attribute of a Memorial is that it must be of no use whatsoever. It must be merely something for remembrance, something *in effemine*, something *à la* *l'effemine*. It must be painted with no least tincture of charity; it must be cursed by no atmosphere of conviviality; it must be soiled by no sordid utilitarianism whatsoever. It must be of the spirit—spiritual; a thing apart. It must be of inspired design, but at least in the case of this community—not cheap. This community can't take a million dollar site and erect a ten thousand dollar stone on it and preserve its self-respect.

Why, every little hamlet and parish in the Old Country has its simple stone grave with the names of its heroes. And distinct from its Village Institute or Pub, believe me. Clubs and heroes don't mix—not dead heroes; not heroes such as ours, at any rate.

Take all the famous Memorials in the world, and not one of them that is of any use. Napoleon's Tomb in Paris—why you can't get even a lemonade or a "gasper" in the precincts. The Statue of Liberty, New York—might have been a trough in Hongkong. What! Jan van Coten's statue in Batavia—the finest bronze the old Dutch founders ever turned out. What does the Colonial Dutchman get out of it except uplift?

No, do the right thing and scrap all these little brass nonentities that squat in Statue Square, and erect a War Memorial of which we could be soberly proud. (The present tin soldiers, not being of heroic size have no artistic right to be in the open anyway. A niche in the entrance of the new Y.M.C.A. is their proper abiding place.)

There is at least one man—perhaps two—in the Colony who could be trusted to give us a design to fill the bill when you think of the likely ones to sit in judgment, help!

What we want is something that will be a graceful, grey shadow by day, and a pale flame of victory under our tropic stars. Something you can salute as you go by. You can't salute a pub—not even a tea-total one run by the Y.M.C.A. Much more likely to go in and salute the bar boy.

And all you placid, aristocratic, demerol, Pinkies, Lower Levelers, Rottenheads, Sailors, Soldiers, Europeans, Asiatics, Dwellers in this favoured Isle, and you and me—let us remember that if it had not been for those dead boys we would all be now so blamed busy learning German we would have no time to call our souls our own.

By all means let the Services, the Civilians, and everybody, and you and me have all the Clubs and social amenities possible, but don't KNOCK THE WAR MEMORIAL—Yours faithfully,

JAMES DALZIEL

Hongkong, December 4th, 1930.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.]

Sir.—A good many people know nothing about the Young Men's Christian Association except its name, and from this they judge that it is an organization for the furtherance of the Christian religion. This idea would prevent some of them from subscribing towards the erection of a Y.M.C.A. and it is a pity, therefore, that H.E. the Governor (as he so often does) dropped his voice at the pity and of a certain sentence in his speech at the recent meeting in the City Hall. The gist of His Excellency's remark, which the reporters did not catch, was that he revised his opinion of the Y.M.C.A. on seeing its work in Ceylon and finding that most of its members were Mohammedans. The fact is that, whatever the word "Christian" in the title may have meant originally, it now refers not to religious dogma, but to morality and behaviour. And no one, whether Jew, Mohammedan, Parsee, Confucian, Hindu, or Atheist, need hesitate on religious ground to support it. Yours faithfully,

T. R. YOUNG

December 6th, 1930.

GOLF NOTES.

[BY ZODIAC.]

Considering the weather we have experienced during the past week, we were extremely lucky to have such a perfect day for the Scotland v. the Rest match. The crushing defeat of the Scots came as a surprise. On paper both teams looked well matched, and allowing for the usual surprises, a close finish was anticipated. The collapse in the foursomes was the more surprising, for this form of match is essentially Scottish and is usually looked down on by the English, who prefer the four ball foursome.

During the morning rounds there was quite a gale blowing which no doubt upset some players, but it must have cheered the hearts of those brought up on a sea side course. It is rather extraordinary how a gale frightens some players and there is really no need to be scared. A well hit ball is never affected as far as direction is concerned.

It may be dead against one and turn a four hole into a five, by reducing the length of one's shots, but there is bound to be a hole facing the opposite direction, which is made one stroke less in consequence. Very often, too, a cross wind makes a hole easier, if the player makes full use of it. For instance, the 7th hole on the Main Course, on Sunday morning, was easier to play than it has been for a long time. There was a strong head wind coming from the left hand corner of the green to the right hand corner of the tee; this gave one the chance of playing a full shot to land almost hole high, which if played to the left of the green, with a slight slice, would drop the ball comparatively near the hole, where it would remain. A much easier shot than a run up on a calm day.

There have been rumours of an Interport match against Shanghai, in fact the probable Shanghai team has appeared in print, but apparently our own Committee have heard nothing official from the Shanghai Golf Club. I do not say there will not be an Interport match, but at present nothing has been arranged. Possibly the Shanghai players have been discussing the possibilities of a match and will send their challenge in due course.

A U.S.R.C. player has written to me complaining that some of the iron cups in the holes, on the King's Park Course, protrude above the ground level, adding a further difficulty to putting, and asks if there is anything against lowering these cups. For his information and the information of others who have experienced the same trouble, I reproduce the definition of a "hole."

"The hole shall be 4½ inches in diameter, and at least 4 inches deep. If a metal lining be used, it shall be sunk below the lip of the hole and its outer diameter shall not exceed 4½ inches."

I imagine that the U.S.R.C. either have a bad green keeper, who does not cut the holes properly, or the nature of the ground prevents it, in which case it is up to the Greens Committee to bring in some bye-law to overcome the trouble.

I have heard a rumour that an estimate for lockers, for the men's Club house at Fanling, has been called for. If this is really true it is good news, and I am sure will be greatly appreciated by members. There will not be enough room in the dressing room downstairs to meet the demand; but I hope the Committee will take the advantage of the space in the room adjoining the dining room, where the clubs are at present kept, and also of the available room upstairs. Practically all playing members will want a locker to themselves, and if only enough to go half way round are provided, there will be a considerable amount of grouching.

I see the draw for the first round of the Ladies' Championship has been published, and has to be played off by Friday, December 17th. There is quite a good entry, 12 players taking part, including the present Lady Champion, Mrs. Winslow, and Mrs. Mainland, the last year's runner-up. Miss Healing, a new comer, is a good player, who, I hear, had a handicap of 6 at home, which will give our players a chance of seeing how their handicaps compare with homelike handicaps.

The entries for the Woodhouse Cup (ladies' foursomes, by match play) close on December 23rd. Mr. T. W. Hill is

taking up the question of a Ladies' v. Men's match. He hopes to be able to arrange a Sunday in the near future and get together a representative team of eight men, who will concede the ladies half a stroke a hole—singles to be played in the forenoon and foursomes in the afternoon. The only trouble appears to be the fixing of a date—there are so many competitions during the month, and also the Volunteer Camp, which have to be taken into consideration. Also, it would be impossible to arrange a really representative men's team for a week-day match. However, I hope his enterprise will meet with success. The question of which course the match will be played on has to be arranged. The ladies gain a little advantage if it were played over the New Course, with regard to length.

I see one of our contemporaries has managed to get Mr. Manning into the ladies' Championship. No doubt he will feel a little embarrassed, being the only male competitor, and will scratch in favour of Mrs. Manning.

I wonder if any of the Committee have ever played the 10th hole, on the old Fanling Course, from the ladies' tee? I have not actually, but recently I played my second from a very adjacent spot and it struck me that it would be a very much better hole, if the men drove from this tee instead of their present one.

A new bye-law has been passed, allowing ladies to play at Happy Valley on Tuesday afternoons. This bye-law only holds good between September 15th and April 15th. From April 16th to September 14th the Happy Valley Course is open for Golf every afternoon, and ladies will only be allowed to play as heretofore, on Thursday and Sunday afternoons.

The 1st and 2nd rounds for the Governor's Shield have been completed, with the exception of H.M.S. Curlew v. the Wilts. Regiment, which match will be decided on Friday next, special permission having been given for this extension on account of the illness of one of the players. The play for the 3rd round is as follows, and must be completed by December 20th:—

Winner of Curlew v. Wilts.—
v. Butterfield & Swire.
H. V. D. C. v. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.
Asiatic Petroleum Co. v. H.M.S. Ambrose.
Government Civil Hospital v. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston.
Chartered Bank v. Harbour Office.
Dodwell & Co. v. Educational Department.
Bradley & Co. v. The Law.

SCOTLAND v. THE REST

This annual match was played at Fanling on Sunday. The following was the result:—

SCOTLAND	THE REST	Points
T. W. Hill...0	Major Bagthall...1	
R. D. C. Morgan...1	R. L. D. Wade...1	
T. S. Forrest...0	R. M. Smith...1	
J. L. Crockett...1	P. S. Archibute...1	
Major Leslie...1	Capt. J. A. J. ...1	
Smith...0	Capt. W. E. ...1	
A. H. Ferguson...1	Gribbell...1	
J. B. Ross...0	W. D. Kraft...1	
Hon. John...0	Capt. Warner...1	
Johnstone...0	P. J. Parvizi...1	
E. Davidson...0	A. H. Crew...0	
N. C. Wilson...1	C. E. H. Beavis...1	
E. G. Jameson...0	R. A. Camidge...0	
R. E. Mac...0	R. Hancock...1	
R. Bruce...0	Major Downing...1	
J. D. Kinnaird...0	Major Edwards...1	
T. R. Chassells...1	N. L. Smith...1	
E. F. Nicoll...0	J. Hooper...1	
J. W. Paton...0	F. B. Borington...1	
K. S. Morrison...0	Comr. Wood...1	
Dr. Chas...0	house...0	
R. Smyth...1	M. M. Mass...0	
Dr. Valentine...1	Col. Cox...0	
F. Maithland...1	N. L. Leefe...0	
N. S. Marshall...1	H. Scott...1	
W. J. Morrison...0	L. S. Greenhill...1	
G. M. Young...1		

"THE REST" won by 11 points.

RICKSHA PASSENGER ROBBED

Before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Magistracy, yesterday, an American sailor named John McLennan, charged a ricksha coolie with the theft of a quantity of cigarettes. The prosecutor stated that he engaged the coolie in Sampan Alley to take him to the Ferry landing. On the way he stopped the ricksha to get some matches at the Naval Canteen and when he came out the ricksha had gone. He had taken the number and found the defendant again later.

The defence was that a mistake in identity had been made.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

H.M.S. "TAMAR" v. H.M.S. "CARLISLE."

These teams met at the Valley in the above League before a good crowd of blue-jackets. The Tamar started the game and Stone went away on the left and centred Barrett clearing. The Carlisle men pressed and the Tamar goalie was called upon to stop a hot one from Fawcett. The Carlisle kept up the pressure, and McCarthy and Harris sent in hard shots, but the Tamar's goalie kept them out.

The Tamar got away and Handford passed out to Heap, who went away and centred, where Swinney sent into the goalie's hands. The Carlisle got down again, and McCarthy sent in a long dropping shot that the goalie misjudged, but just dropped back in time to tip the ball over the cross-bar as the ball was passing over his head. Fawcett took the kick and Castle cleared to midfield, where Lawson received and sent over to Stone, who sent in wide.

Play was very fast, the Carlisle men having the better of the exchanges, but the Tamar's goalie cleared in good style. The Carlisle came again, and Harris sent in a hard shot which the goalie tipped over the top. Half-time arrived with no score.

The Carlisle re-started and the Tamar was soon attacking, but offside against Styles relieved. Pavey sent Fawcett away, but Giles cleared. The Tamar came again and forced a corner. Heap took the kick and the ball dodged about the goal until Barrett kicked to touch. The second-half of the game was practically a repetition of the first-half, each side attacking in turn, and it seemed as if the Carlisle must score, for shots came from all the forwards and Pavey, the centre half, tried to score, but the Tamar defence held out, the whistle sounding with no score.

The Carlisle men should have got through in the first-half, for the goalie was beaten on several occasions, but the ball struck the uprights and cross-bar.

HAWKINS IN LEAGUE.

At a meeting of the United Services League, the Hawkins team was elected to the League and will take up the R.E. dates in the fixture list, the Engineers having been compelled to drop out of the League owing to the difficulty in raising a team.

HONGKONG SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL

SENIOR DIVISION.							
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
St. Joseph's	4	4	0	0	13	2	8
Queen's	4	3	1	0	11	3	6
St. Paul's	4	1	2	1	3	3	3
St. Stephen's	4	1	2	1	3	3	3
Diocesan	4	0	4	0	1	15	0
INTERMEDIATE DIVISION.							
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
St. Joseph's II.	3	3	0	0	9	2	6
St. Paul's II.	4	3	1	0	11	4	6
Queen's II.	3	2	0	0	7	6	6
St. Stephen's II.	3	0	3	0	7	6	15

JUNIOR DIVISION.							
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Wantai	5	5	0	0	26	0	10
St. Paul's Jrs.	4	3	1	0	13	2	8
St. Joseph's Jrs.	4	3	1	0	13	2	8
Anglo-Indian	3	2	1	0	7	3	4
Gaiyungun	4	2	2	0	3	10	4
Yau-mat	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
Queen's Jrs.	4	0	3	1	1	14	1
Miss Kadoorie	4	0	4	0	1	15	0
Ying-Wa	3	0	3	0	0	15	0

RUGBY

ARMY v. H.M.S. "CURLEW"

The rugby match between the Army and H.M.S. Curlew, yesterday, ended in a draw.

HARBOUR PILFERING.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. G. N. Orme, a Chinese was charged with stealing white canvas from the Kowloon Godowns. Asked to plead, the defendant said he took the canvas from the deck of the ship; he thought it was not wanted.

Inspector Spear said the canvas was part of the cargo and some of the cases that had been wrapped in canvas had been broken open. The defendant was stopped by a constable who saw him coming away from the ship with the canvas tied round his legs with cord.

The defendant was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

In another case a Chinese found in possession of two waterproof coats, part of the cargo of the s.s. Sicilia was awarded six weeks' imprisonment.

There were two cases of theft by coolies of logs of wood from the Reclamation Works at Kowloon. Inspector Spear mentioned that pilfering was giving trouble there.

Asked by the Magistrate if the works were pilfered, the Inspector said "watchmen were employed, but the area to be covered was considerable."

A sentence of 21 days' imprisonment was imposed in each case.

DELICACIES for XMAS

Gift boxes of Chocolate by Cadbury, Fry, Pascall & Cailler. Crystallized Fruit from France in 2 lb. boxes. Chiver's Xmas Puddings in 2 lb. Basins. Crosse & Blackwell's Puddings in 1 lb. 2 lb. and 3 lb. tins. Chiver's Mince-meat in 1 lb. bottles. Crosse & Blackwell's Mince-meat in 1 lb. and 2 lb. tins. Kentish Cob Nuts. Finest Newtown Pippin Apples. Crackers & Table Decoration by Mead & Field and Caley. Marrowfat Peas from the Garden of England, Kent. Genoa & Cherry Ripe Cakes in 2 lb. tins. Malaga Imperial Figs in 1 lb. and 2 lb. tins. Muscatel Raisins in Clusters. Marron Glace. Salted Almonds. Stuffed Dates. Stuffed Prunes. French Plums in 1 lb. and 2 lb. bottles. Stilton Cheese, first from England for 4 years. "Pineapple" Brand Hams, finest quality. English Ox-Tongues in 2 lb. tins.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

Companies (Winding-Up) No. 2 of 1920.
Re THE CHAP CHEUNG SING KI
a Chinese Registered Partnership.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
WEDNESDAY, 15th DECEMBER, at
10.30 a.m. before His Honour the Chief Justice
has been fixed for considering the resolution for
the appointment of a Liquidator passed at the
first meeting of creditors.
C. D. MELBOURNE,
Official Receiver.
Hongkong, December 8th, 1920. [1878]

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, (1918) LIMITED.

THE SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Canton Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd DECEMBER, 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1920, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th DECEMBER, 1920, until THURSDAY, the 23rd DECEMBER, 1920, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 7th, 1920. [1877]

STEAMER FOR SALE.

UNDER instructions received from THE
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING,
LONDON.

Offers are invited for the purchase of the
Ex-Enemy Steamer
"ANGHIN"

Gross Tonnage 1613
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Sealed Tenders should be lodged with Messrs. MACKENZIE & Co., Calcutta. The Tenders, which must be in sterling, will be opened at Calcutta on MONDAY, the 31st JANUARY, 1921, and must be valid for 14 days after that date.
MACKENZIE & CO.,
15, Strand Road,
CALCUTTA. [1878]

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If we play for you, you'll dance all night.
"We Are Four."

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"Daily Press." [1879]

LOST.

A Small Clasp Pin of PLATINUM and
DIAMONDS, shaped somewhat like
two-leaved clover, was LOST in the City Hall
on Tuesday night, on the 30th November, and
the following articles were found—

- (1) A Black Lace Veil.
- (2) A White Silk Crepe Shawl, embroidered
with white silk.
- (3) A small Round Silver Powder Box with
pink.

These articles may be recovered from, and
any information regarding the lost article sent to—
T. W. HILL,
Hon. Secretary,
ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY,
c/o Messrs. BARNES & Co., Ltd.
1885.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

THE 37th ANNUAL FETE

Postponed from 5th December owing
to the unsettled state of the weather

WILL BE HELD ON

SUNDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

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NOTICE.

THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE
CHINE has informed the holders of the
TEMPORARY BONDS of the Credit National
1919, which have been unclaimed through us,
that same must be EXCHANGED in our Paris
Office for Definite Bonds before March 1921.
[1783]

LYSON COMPANY.

ALL ORDERS for GOODS to be supplied
to the above firm must bear the joint
Signatures of two of the undersigned, otherwise
they will not be recognised—

CHIU CHUN YAT,
TAM CHUIK NAM,
SIU KAM.

LYSON COMPANY,
39, Queen's Road Central,
HONGKONG. [1854]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

LOST.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 1893
for Two Shares Numbered 48491/48492
standing in the Register in the name of LUE
YUE SAM (deceased) late of Hongkong having
been LOST—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that unless the said Certificate is produced at
the Office of the Company, 5, Queen's Road
Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the
5th day of January, 1921, a new Certificate for
the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificate
will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 3rd, 1920. [1866]

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

APPLICATION has been made to the
Directors of this Company to issue to
FRED ELLIS of 105, House Street, Victoria,
Hongkong a Duplicate Certificate of Certifi-
cates of the undermentioned 500 (Three hundred)
Shares in the Company, or other Certificate
or Certificates in lieu thereof, upon the statement
that under circumstances amounting to larceny
or false pretences, the original Certificate has
been lost possession of—

Certifi- cate No.	Share Numbers	Present Registered Proprietors
7017	1-2-41 50	22301 to 22350 (100)
7018	1-2-41 50	22351 to 22400 (100)
7019	1-2-41 50	22401 to 22450 (100)
7020	1-2-41 50	22451 to 22500 (100)
7021	1-2-41 50	22501 to 22550 (100)
7022	1-2-41 50	22551 to 22600 (100)
7023	1-2-41 50	22601 to 22650 (100)
7024	1-2-41 50	22651 to 22700 (100)
7025	1-2-41 50	22701 to 22750 (100)
7026	1-2-41 50	22751 to 22800 (100)
7027	1-2-41 50	22801 to 22850 (100)
7028	1-2-41 50	22851 to 22900 (100)
7029	1-2-41 50	22901 to 22950 (100)
7030	1-2-41 50	22951 to 23000 (100)

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if
within THIRTY DAYS from the date hereof
no claim or representation in respect of such
original Certificate is made to the Directors
they will then proceed to deal with such applica-
tion for a duplicate or other new Certificate
or Certificates.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 9th, 1920. [1767]

WAR-MEMORIAL.

Subscription lists for the above will be found
at—

HONGKONG CLUB.
KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.
VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.
ENGINEERS INSTITUTE.
CLUB DE RECREIO.
LUSITANO CLUB.
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH.
Messrs. MOUTRIE.
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
N. J. STARR,
Hon. Treasurer.
Hongkong, November 27th, 1920. [1848]

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Messrs. WISEMAN, LTD., beg to notify
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during and after Dinner up till 10 o'clock
EVERY TUESDAY and THURSDAY until
further notice. This privilege will be con-
sidered to customers having dinner or light
refreshments.
D. M. GOODALL,
Manager. [1867]

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[1868]

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[1788]

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H. V. Edmond's Delightful Comedy,
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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 8th.
Horace Annesley Vachell's powerful play,
"THE CASE OF LADY CAMBER"

From the Strand Theatre.
THURSDAY, Dec. 9th.
Hubert Henry Davies' Witty Satire,
"DOORMATS"

From the Globe Theatre.
FRIDAY, Dec. 10th.
H. V. Edmond's Charming Comedy of Youth,
"WHEN WE WERE TWENTY-ONE"

From the Criterion Theatre.
SATURDAY, Dec. 11th.
The Boasting Farce Comedy,
"ELIZA COMES TO STAY"

From the Criterion Theatre.
MONDAY, Dec. 13th.
Hubert Henry Davies' Successful Comedy,
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BIRTHS.

BASSETT—At Yenchow British Hospital,
November 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. S.
BASSETT, a son.

LESTER—At Shanghai, November 30th, to
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. LESTER, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SPENCER-WEISER—At Shanghai, Mr.
W. H. SPENCER, to Miss F. E.
WEISER.

DEATHS.

CRIGHTON—At Shanghai, November 30th,
Max CRIGHTON, the only and dearly
beloved daughter of the late A. C.
CRIGHTON, deceased, aged 15 years.

DOWLER—At Shanghai, November 30th,
Charles Edgar Lox, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Edgar H. DOWLER, aged five
years.

LAMBERT—At Los Gatos, Cal. U.S.A.,
November 30th, ARNOLD LAMBERT,
age 39, late manager of The Chang Ka
Fung Wharves, Shanghai. (By cable).

PASSON—At Shanghai, November 29th,
MANUEL DEZIRO DOS PASSON.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. J. C. FLETCHER desires to return his
sincere thanks for the many kind
expressions of sympathy received in his
recent bereavement. [1880]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 7th, 1920.

THE SITUATION AT CANTON.

There have been many more or less
startling rumours current since the return
of "The Big Three" to Canton as to
what is likely to happen there. So far,
however, nothing startling has occurred.

Dr. SUN YAT-SEN, Dr. WU TING-FANG and
Mr. TANG SHAO-YI are once again
functioning in Canton as "The Military
Government," but from an interview with
Dr. SUN YAT-SEN published on the eve
of his departure from Shanghai we learn
that they mean to have "no more
militarism" if they can possibly prevent
it, but to settle down with the object
of carrying on the government in "a
modern, civil way, as in Shanghai and
Hongkong." That would seem to allay
the fears that have existed that one of
the first acts of the new government would
be to start a vendetta against the province
of Kwangtung. There does not appear to
be anything of the kind in contemplation.

The office of Tsuchin, or Military
Governor, has been abolished, and the
appointment of General CHAN CHUNG-
MING has been gazetted as "Civil
Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the
Province of Kwangtung." Government
in "a modern, civil way" has been
commenced by a peremptory prohibition
of the gambling which has been allowed
to flourish under the late régime with the
sole object of providing the Treasury with
urgently needed funds. The new Directors
of the Administration are bent on freeing
the Civil service from the stigma of
corruption. Dr. SUN has announced that
the Administrative Council intends to
introduce a system "new to Chinese
officials and therefore likely to arouse some
opposition." "We shall require," he says,
"all officials whether new or old, high or
low, to take an oath promising to do
their duty in a straightforward way and
not to accept any bribes. Any person who
is found breaking this oath will be
punished with the utmost rigour of the
law. To put the whole thing in a nutshell,
we intend to do our best for the
Constitutionalist provinces so that they
may derive some good from our acts. We
want to prove ourselves to be a model to
other provinces so that they may follow
the example." These intentions are
altogether admirable, and their translation
into actual realities will be watched with
interest far beyond the confines of the
province. We have read of them in many
mandates from Peking during the past ten
years or so, but where may we find these
mandates obeyed?

Dr. SUN YAT-SEN is widely regarded as
more of a visionary than a practical
statesman. He has drawn up magnificent
schemes for the Government of China and
the covering of the country with a network
of railways. Another scheme which he has
elaborated is for the development of the
port of Canton. He has up his sleeve
it is said, big schemes for the economic
as well as the political reconstruction of
the province of Kwangtung. So long as
the operations of the Administrative
Council are confined to industrial and
economic development and to making the
Civil Service more efficient and less corrupt
its work will command general approval.
It is the political side of the activities
of the Constitutional leaders that creates
misgivings. There has been talk of a
Presidential election in South China in
which Dr. SUN YAT-SEN is to be run as
President, and TUNG CHU-YU as Vice-
President. When we recall the fact that a
large part of the history of the Constitutional
group during the past few years has
been warfare against TUNG, it is not
easy to understand the suggested combination.
It seems to be some effort towards
unity of the country, but we do not know
this desirable object is to be gained by a
Presidential election ordained by a Govern-
ment whose functions appear to be limited
now to the one province of Kwangtung.

Nothing is to be gained by ignoring the
existence of the Peking Government. It
is the Government which is recognised
throughout the land with the exception of
the province of Kwangtung, and also by the
Foreign Powers who have large and grow-
ing interests in China. The Peking
Government professes to have precisely the
same aspirations as the Southern Govern-
ment for the betterment of China, and it
should not be difficult for a conference
of the acknowledged leaders on both sides to
arrange a *modus vivendi* which will put
an end to the political differences which
are hampering progress and development,
and are setting China before the world in
the light of "just another Mexico." We
hope to hear that the Administrative
Council at Canton will apply itself assidu-
ously to the supreme task of discovering a
basis of agreement whereby the Govern-
ment of the country can be consolidated
and stabilised.

No cases of communicable diseases were
notified in the Colony on Saturday.

Yesterday morning Commander W. P.
Culbertson of the U.S.S. *Wilmington* called
at Government House and was received
by His Excellency.

The total output of the Kailan Mining
Administration's mines for the week end-
ing 30th November, amounted to 77,972
tons and the sales to 70,043 tons.

H.E. the Governor, accompanied by
Capt. McGrath, A.D.C., on Sunday, visited
the Hongkong Defence Corps Camp at
Lau and dined with Lieut. Col. L. G.
Bird, D.S.O., and the Officers.

The United States gunboat *Helen*,
which left Nagasaki a week ago for Vlad-
ivostok, was caught in a storm when about
450 miles from Nagasaki and lost one of
her propellers. She had to put back to
Nagasaki consequently, and managed to
reach port last Monday evening. A prop-
eller will be sent from Vladivostok to replace
the one lost.

The battleship *Nagato*, which is the big-
gest Japanese man-of-war afloat, has been
delivered to the Naval Office by the Kure
Arsenal and will become the flagship of
Admiral Tachibana, Commander-in-Chief of
the First Squadron.

Canton's "Big Three"—Dr. Wu Ting-
fang, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Mr. Tang Shao-yi
—have enrolled as members of the Canton
Y.M.C.A. and commented favourably on
the activities of this institution, not only
in Canton, but also in other Chinese cities.

President-Elect Harding has cabled a
congratulatory paper in Manila as follows:
"I shall send a commission from the
United States Congress to study insular
conditions in 1921. I regret, I cannot
come personally. I wish the Filipinos to
trust America. Your interests are bound
up with ours."

Dr. Charles Martin, for the past 25
years a prominent foreign resident in
Kobe, left recently for England, where
he will live with his family hereafter.
Dr. Martin was for many years head of
the medical advisory board of the Inter-
national Hospital of Kobe and was for two
years president of the Kobe Club, being
succeeded by Dr. W. L. Ascherberg.

Major S. T. Dockray, supervising
engineer to the Ministry of Communica-
tions, has returned from Urga (which he
had visited at the request of the Ministry
in order to start the working of the new
wireless station there). Conditions in
Urga did not permit of the object being
accomplished although the station was
actually in operation for a brief period.

Among the passengers who arrived in
Hongkong by the P. & O. *Scythia* were
Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E., Colonial
Treasurer; Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of
the Royal Observatory, with Mrs. Claxton;
Mrs. Kemp, wife of the Attorney-General
of Hongkong; Mr. A. G. Stephens, of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; Mr. A. M.
Slack, of Messrs. E. W. & Co., Mr. J. Tully,
of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., with Mr.
Tully and family, Mr. D. Harvey, of the
United Asbestos, and Mr. and Mrs. A. O.
Diss.

Having recently studied conditions in
British factories, Miss Crossley Batt,
D.S.O., B.A., is leaving England alone on
a 20,000 miles lecturing tour, embracing
Canada, the United States, New Zealand,
China, and Japan, and lasting two years.
Educated at Oxford and London, Miss
Batt speaks seven languages. For her two
years' tour her wardrobe will be very
small. She will wear an ordinary thick
shirt and jumper, a British warm, oilskin
top-boots to the knee, and a helmet-shaped
hat—a formidable outfit, remarks a con-
temporary. The young lady evidently
means business.

Church Notes: The St. John's Cathedral
Magazine, says: "The finances of the
Cathedral are in a very bad state. None
of the income from the Cathedral Endowment
Fund will be received till April, 1921. On
the strength of this fund the Church Body
authorised considerable expenditure includ-
ing \$100 a month to the Bishop to make
good some of the loss on exchange, and
\$50 a month for the care and repair of the
organ. The Hon. Treasurer says that
unless a special effort is made we shall
have a deficit at the end of the year of
nearly \$3,000. To avert this we hope dona-
tions and increased offerings given at the
collections."

Capt. F. E. Cope, the well-known
British skipper of the *Nippon Yusen*
Kaisha, is proceeding to London on the
Amo Maru, where he will serve, the *Japan*
Gazette says, as adviser to the Company
in its London office. Capt. Cope entered
the service of the N.Y.K. thirty years ago
as second mate, and has for many years
commanded various vessels on the Com-
pany's European line. For the last eight
years he has commanded the *Kiyo Maru*,
and last month handed over the vessel to
Capt. Inatsu. The majority of the
Japanese skippers and mates who are now
serving in the N.Y.K. fleet have served
under Capt. Cope, who as a mark of
esteem recently received from the officers
of the fleet a handsome silver tea set and
an album containing photographs of the
donors. Capt. Cope will carry with him
to his new post one of the good wishes
of a very large circle of the trading
public, to whom he is known for many
qualities which have made him and his
ship so popular.

THE HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

THE NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR.

We learn that the successor of Sir
Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G., as Vice-Chan-
cellor of the Hongkong University, will be
in all probability, Sir William Edwin
Brunyatt, K.C.M.G., who had a dis-
tinguished University record and has
since been filling high appointments in
the service of the Egyptian Government.

Sir William Brunyatt, who is 53 years

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH AGENCY.)

DISASTROUS GALE IN BRITISH ISLES.

TRAM-CARS BLOWN OVER.

LONDON, December 4th.

The gale in the British Isles was yesterday at its maximum, reaching a velocity of 70 miles. It caused havoc on land and sea. There was a considerable loss of life. The lifeboat *Rhacelyn* assisting a vessel in distress in Carnarvon Bay lost five of the crew, including the coxswain. The crew of the vessel took to boats. Four were drowned.

Two tram-cars were blown over in Halifax, and a number of people were injured. Much damage and several casualties are reported from Manchester, Middlesbrough, Strabane, Blackpool and other places. Shipping from the Mersey was held up the whole day.

NO HANDS IN POCKETS.
MACROOM MEN LIABLE TO BE SHOT AT SIGHT.

LONDON, December 5th.

It is stated that the Auxiliary Division of the Royal Irish Constabulary has authorized a proclamation, which has been approved in the Macroom district, which says:—"Whereas foul murders of servants of the Crown have been carried out by disaffected persons, who immediately prior to such murders appeared to be peaceful people but produced pistols from their pockets, it is hereby ordered that all males in the Macroom district may not appear in public with their hands in their pockets. Any male infringing this order is liable to be shot at sight."

SINN FEINER SHOT DEAD.

LONDON, December 5th.

A prominent Sinn Feiner "wanted" for the murder at Galway, was arrested in Dublin at the railway terminus to-day. He attempted to escape and was shot dead. A policeman was shot and was wounded in Belfast.

SEARCH FOR OIL IN HUNGARY
ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL CO.'S NEW VENTURE.

LONDON, December 5th.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Company has made an agreement with the Hungarian Government whereby a private company will be formed with a capital of £100,000 for the purpose of testing petroliferous deposits in Hungary, and, if oil is found in commercial quantities, an operating company will be formed with a capital of £1,000,000 to develop the oil-fields.

INDIAN COTTON TRADE.

CONTRACTS BOARD'S DECISION.

BOMBAY, December 5th.

The long-standing conflict between the cotton trade and the Cotton Contracts Board on the question of the control of cotton business has been satisfactorily settled. The Board states that it wishes Government control of cotton trading to cease at the end of October, 1921, and that a new association be formed by the trade to take over the control from the Board. A meeting of the cotton trade approved of the Board's proposals and resolved forthwith to open forward contract dealings in the 1920-1921 crop which had been stopped.

VILLA WOUNDED.

GENERAL OBREGON SAFE.

PARIS, December 4th.

The Mexican Legation denies the report that General Obregon has been assassinated, but says that an attempt was made to assassinate Villa who was seriously wounded.

NAVY FOR AMERICA.

SENATOR HARDING'S HOPES.

NEWPORT NEWS, December 5th.

Senator Harding, in a speech here, hoped that international peace and agreement would be established, but it must not be said, as the sacrifice of nationality. Until the reduction of armaments arrived, he wanted a navy for American defence equalling the country's aspirations.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

ARGENTINA DECIDES ON WITHDRAWAL.

GENEVA, December 5th.

The Argentine Republic has withdrawn from the League of Nations, owing to the shelving of its proposed amendments to the Covenant.

AMERICAN VIEW OF ARGENTINA'S WITHDRAWAL.

WASHINGTON, December 5th.

The opponents of the League of Nations hail Argentina's withdrawal from the League with delight. Senator Lodge says that some nations at Geneva are finding objections which the United States discovered two years ago. Senator Knox regards the withdrawal as the beginning of the inevitable disintegration.

EARLIER CABLES.

EXPENSES OF THE LEAGUE.

GENEVA, December 5th.

The Budget of the League and of the International Labour Bureau was adopted after the rejection of the Indian resolution that the expenses of the Secretariat were too high and should be reduced as occasion offers, and the rejection of the New Zealand resolution that 20,000,000 gold francs and 500,000 gold francs, respectively, in the Budget of the Secretariat and of the Labour Bureau, should be reduced and that the salaries of the high officials and the money allocated to publications by the Labour Bureau, were too large.

NEW FRENCH LOAN.

GREAT PATRIOTIC EFFORT BY LENS.

PARIS, December 3rd.

A Havas message says:—The results of the great national loan just closed are not yet definitely known, but it is certain that they are in excess of the most sanguine expectations. Some communities worked real financial wonders. Amongst the most heart-rending sights of the large broad belt of war-stricken cities is that afforded by Lens, formerly a prosperous city in the heart of the French coal district. The Germans left it in 1913 a mere pile of blackened bricks. All around celleries were systematically destroyed, pits flooded, shafts and machinery blown up and buildings gutted. The inhabitants were driven away, or fled, and scattered, but lost no time in coming back as soon as their native soil was freed from the Germans. They built shanties and at once started work. Now slowly Lens is rising again from its ruins. Better days are looming up, and the inhabitants eagerly seized the opportunity afforded by the national loan to give their beloved France out of their scanty means and material as a token of their unshakable faith in her. The inhabitants of Lens contributed to the national loan an aggregate sum of £20,000.

FOOD MINISTRY ESTIMATE DIVISION.

NASTY SHOCK TO COALITION.

LONDON, December 4th.

Yesterday's division on Mr. McCurdy's estimate is described as a nasty Coalition shock, the Government escaping defeat after telephoning and sending messages to the clubs and private houses of Coalitionists. Eventually, Labour members saved the position, all, except one, voting for the Government. Apparently, Labour's attitude was that the Food Ministry was a protection against the profiteer. Later in the debate, Mr. McCurdy assured the House that the Food Ministry, in future, will confine its activities to terminating the Government control of commodities as soon as possible.

ARMENIA INQUIRY.

GREAT BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

GENEVA, December 4th.

Replying to the Council's invitation to the subject of Armenia, Great Britain says that she cannot agree to an independent mission of mediation as proposed by President Wilson, but the President of the United States can count on Great Britain supporting his efforts and according him the moral and diplomatic support he requests.

The Italian Government has replied promising to become any decision it reaches.

ARMENIA BECOMES SOVIET.

LONDON, December 4th.

A Moscow wireless message says that Armenia has declared itself a Soviet Republic.

UNITED STATES GRIEVANCE.

VIEWS REGARDING DISPOSAL OF EX-GERMAN CABLES.

WASHINGTON, December 5th.

The American delegates on the International Communications Commission here state that the United States has almost reached the limit of the concessions it is willing to make to the Allies as regards the disposal of ex-German cables, and say that the negotiations are dragging on without any indication of an agreement. The officials do not state whether the United States' views as regards landing rights for cables have met, as anticipated, with Japanese opposition.

U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE.

DEPARTURE FOR SOUTH AMERICA.

NEWPORT NEWS, December 5th.

Mr. Bainbridge Colby has sailed for South America on board the battleship *Florida*.

THE NEW MARINISM.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT DECIDES ON BUILDING SMALL CRUISERS.

BERLIN, December 5th.

Notwithstanding what the Democrat deputy Herr Hags described as "the new Marinism," the Reichstag has approved of the expenditure of 25,000,000 marks for the construction of small cruisers. Both the Socialists and the Conservatives opposed the proposal. The Defence Minister, Herr Gessler, dwelt on the necessity of taking precautions in view of the situation in the East. The Centrist Herr Bursage supported the proposal, because he hoped Germany would again acquire colonies.

TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

BRITISH, FRENCH AND ITALIAN DELEGATES IN CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 4th.

It is officially announced that the British, French and Italian delegates, to-day, discussed the question of resumption of trade with Russia.

CRISIS IN GREECE.

ALLIES TO TAKE FINANCIAL STEPS.

LONDON, December 4th.

At the forthcoming conference of reparations experts at Brussels, financial steps will be taken in the event of the return of Constantinople to Greece.

M. Leygues and Signor Storza are leaving for home to-morrow.

EARLIER CABLES.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS.

PARIS JOURNALS COMMENT ON LORD DERBY'S SPEECH.

PARIS, December 3rd.

A Havas message says:—The papers are devoting special attention to the speech delivered by the former British Ambassador in Paris, Earl Derby, before the Manchester Chamber of Commerce. What is especially noticed is Earl Derby's statement that French and British apathy is essential to both nations, and that the time has come for them to conclude a formal alliance. It is admitted that Earl Derby is quite right when he states that war would not have broken out, if, instead of an Entente, there had been, in 1914, a definite alliance. Earl Derby was especially emphatic in exposing the mischievous insinuations which are periodically circulated by certain sections of the Press about the so-called imperialistic or aggressive tendencies of the French Government. Lord Derby stated that no French Cabinet inclining towards an aggressive policy of any sort could stand one single day. Such is, say the Parisian journals, the naked truth.

FIRE ON A STEAMER.

The Police were called out yesterday forenoon on an alarm of a fire on a vessel at one of the moorings in the harbour. Some of the cargo in the hold of the s.s. *Tungshing*, owned by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., became ignited, but the flames were quickly extinguished and the services of the fire boat were not required. Very little damage was done.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 3 p.m., yesterday:—"The typhoon is crossing the Visayas Islands in the form of a shallow depression."

THE LATE MR. A. G. GORDON.
FUNERAL YESTERDAY EVENING.

The remains of the late Mr. Alexander Grant Gordon, who died at Bombay on June 21st, while travelling home from Hongkong to London, were brought to the Colony and interred yesterday evening in the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley. Mr. Gordon, who was trained on the Clyde as an engineer, lived in Hongkong for upwards of 43 years. He was associated for many years as a consulting engineer, with the firm of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. and particularly in connection with the China and Manila Steamship Co., which they managed and the Brick and Tile works at Deep Water Bay.

In addition, he held other appointments, among them that of surveyor of the Marine Board of Underwriters of Philadelphia and San Francisco. He was a member of the Institute of Navy Architects and the Institute of Marine Engineers. Under the Hongkong Government he was surveyor of boats of private steamships under sixty tons. He was also a lecturer of the Peace. At the time of his death he was the head of Messrs. Gordon & Co., of St. George's Building, and was general manager of the Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd., which he had founded.

Socially, Mr. Gordon was equally active, and "Tor Crest," his home on the Peak, was the scene of much entertaining. He was one of the early presidents of St. Andrew's Society and was also a member and keen supporter of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders. The chief mourners at the funeral yesterday were Mr. F. Maitland and Mr. A. C. Leith. The Rev. J. G. Williams, the temporary pastor of Union Church, conducted the burial service.

Among those present were Mr. R. G. Shewan, the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stubb, the Hon. Mr. F. Hobson Holyoak, Mr. T. F. Hough, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. E. J. Crisp, Mr. D. E. Clark, Mr. H. Humphreys, Mr. J. D. Grimble, Mr. D. J. Greig, Mr. G. M. Shaw, Mr. D. Abbey, Mr. J. Dalziel, Mr. D. Templeton, Mr. I. Rodgers, Mr. C. Blaker, Mr. A. Keith, Mr. J. D. Miskin, Mr. C. Kinnaird, Mr. R. W. Lee-Jones, Mr. H. H. Taylor, Lieut.-Col. Stopford, Lieut. McNair, Mr. T. W. Hill, and Mr. T. Neave.

Wreaths were sent by Mother, Auntie Jeanie, Alice and Frank, Alex. and Alister, Hilda and Frank, Dodo and Curly Jean and Allan, Peggy and Reginald, Staff of the Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. (Machinery Dept.), China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Messrs. Benjamin and Perry, Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Taiako, Dockers, Chinese, monikers, Chinese engineers, Chinese turnsmen, Chinese carpenters, Office boys, crew of the steam launch *Peggy*, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Holyoak, Mr. T. F. Hough, Mr. R. G. Shewan, Mr. G. M. Dodwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hancock, Mr. R. W. Lee-Jones, Mr. A. Keating, Mr. A. Keith, Mr. W. C. Shiner, Mr. A. Buxton, Mr. Loureiro, Mr. W. S. T. Stopani, Mr. H. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. T. Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bevington, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Plummer, Mr. G. Miskin, Mr. C. Blaker, Mr. and Mrs. G. Grimble, Mr. and Mrs. E. Grimble, Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moan, Mr. Leslie Smith, Mr. J. W. Faxon, Mr. and Mrs. P. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Greig, Mr. H. J. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Forbes, Mr. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rodgers and family, Mr. J. D. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Coppin, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Dimpert, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Griffin, Mr. Tong Lai Cheun, Mr. and Mrs. Fung Shiu Wa, and several others.

HOUSE COLLAPSE AT WANCHAI.

SIX DEAD: FOUR INJURED.

MORE BODIES UNDERNEATH THE DEBRIS.

A serious house collapse took place at Lun Fat Street, Wanchai, yesterday morning, resulting as far as could be discovered at the time, in the death of six men and injuries to four others. It is believed, however, that at least five more bodies are underneath the debris and the work of rescue was carried on to a late hour last night.

The dwelling, No. 114, is stated to have been condemned by the P. W. D. some time ago and how it came to be occupied remains to be explained. It is believed that the people who occupied the dwelling were Singapore Chinese and that when the building collapsed gambling was being carried on. A further statement is that the owner was not aware that the building was being used by these people.

The building was a very old one and adjacent some new buildings which are being constructed. How the collapse occurred is not exactly known. One side of the building had been shored up with bamboo. The retaining wall, evidently gave way, bringing down all three floors.

As soon as the collapse occurred the Police, Fire Brigade, and Ambulance were summoned to the scene. Rescue work was immediately commenced and four men were rescued and removed to the hospital. Six dead bodies were picked up and removed to the mortuary. The shoring of the building was next undertaken and the Police were busy yesterday digging for further bodies.

THE WARWICK COMEDY CO.
UNCLE NED.

A very signal success was scored by Mr. Edgar Warwick's well-balanced comedy company in the opening of its Far Eastern season at the Theatre Royal last night. The theatre was filled to its capacity and the audience followed the plot through its four acts with tense interest. The company showed that warm sympathy, appreciation and interpretation essential to first grade acting and, on the whole, their presentation of Uncle Ned was far better than would ordinarily be expected from a touring company. The pieces gave the artists fine scope for emotional and comedy work and they responded to it charmingly.

The story told is that of the conversion of a garrulous old millionaire, from the callous grasping father, who is alienating the affections of all about him, to the bluff hearty old Englishman beloved by everybody. When Sir Robert Graham first appears, with his surly temper and thundrous voice he is the very incarnation of the melodramatic villain. His altogether delightful secretary and his two pretty daughters, slaves in his mansion, are typical suffering heroines, but in a word Sir Robert has cowed and dominated all within touch of him. In the closing scene he is the soft-spoken, amiable father and friend. From the material miser with a jaundiced viewpoint he becomes a wit of the most amusing kind. The conversion is brought about by Uncle Ned—his younger brother. This very modern young man blows into the old man's atmosphere of Five Acres Manor like a summer breeze. He wins everyone's heart, except Sir Robert's, in a few minutes, and the process of thawing the crusty old baronet kept the audience in ripples of laughter throughout the four acts. He puts the human nature side of life to this older brother, and after many abortive attempts reaches the heart of gold that lies within. There are two delightful love romances as side-plots. Helen, the eldest daughter of Sir Robert, is married secretly and her flight with her husband is the event which leads to the climax, and Sir Robert's awakening. Uncle Ned finds in the charming secretary a long lost sweetheart, and does the inevitable. The curtain rings down on a happy reunion and a rejuvenated Lord Graham.

As Sir Robert, Mr. N. Thorpe-Mayne was cast in the central figure. His fine voice, clear enunciation and faultless interpretation of the character, he played very unimpeachable signs of very marked dramatic ability. He made Sir Robert a hateful, blustering old man of iron, and with subtle deftness made him the lovable old peer of the last act. As Uncle Ned, Mr. Edgar Warwick was pleasing and played his lively part faithfully, turning the comedy of his lyric to the fullest advantage. Miss Joan Mayne was winning as Miss Manning, secretary to Sir Robert, and gave a nice interpretation of a self-sacrificing sweetheart and a friend of Sir Robert's ill-used daughters. Miss Marjory Clark was a vivacious flapper, as the rebellious but lovable younger daughter, always threatening to escape, but turning like a thunderbolt to others fields the next moment. Miss Dorothy Redford as the elder daughter presented a pathetic little character, and Mr. Frank Wheatley as the butler was always amusing.

Mr. Dudley Howarth was the son-in-law and Mr. Tom Fenwick was Mears, the private enquiry agent.

After each act the company had to reappear to receive the appreciation of the audience.

Tonight, the company presents "The Law Divine."

ARMED ROBBERY.

MASKED MEN TAKE PART.

An armed robbery, in which masked men took part, is reported to have occurred on Friday night at Chung Shing. The folks of a shop were conversing outside the door when a man came into the shop and asked for change. A few seconds later three men, one of whom was armed with a dagger, rushed in and joined the first man, who produced a revolver. The folks were all driven into the kitchen and the robbers then stole clothing, jewellery and money to the total value of \$143.

HONGKONG CLUB GARDEN.

ARMED ROBBERS PAY IT A VISIT.

Several armed men are reported to have entered the coolie quarters of the Hongkong Club garden at Sankwan early yesterday morning. Jewellery and clothing to the value of \$60 are reported to have been stolen. The head gardener and an assistant received knife wounds and were removed to hospital.

REVOLVER ACCIDENT IN A BANK.

INDIAN WATCHMAN SHOT.

An Indian watchman, employed by the Chartered Bank, accidentally shot himself yesterday. The watchman, it is stated, was on duty inside the bank premises and was seen by the cashier to be toying with his revolver. The cashier asked him to desist. The watchman, however, continued toying with the revolver which suddenly went off, the bullet penetrating the watchman's abdomen. He was removed to hospital in a serious condition.

THE JAPANESE BUDGET.

BIG INCREASE.

The *Asahi* reports that the Budget, as prepared for presentation to the Diet, total Yen 1,562,000,000, an increase of a quarter of a billion yen over the present year. The estimates for the Foreign Office have been cut down, so that the establishment of Legations in Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Jugo-Slavia will be impossible.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN.

RENEWAL OF RELATIONS.

Mr. E. Hiochi, who is on the point of departure to fill the post of Ambassador in Berlin, states (according to the *Nichi Nichi*) that he will make the utmost effort to re-establish the former friendship between the German and Japanese people. While, he said, Japan fought with her allies, she was deeply indebted to Germany in scientific matters. The sooner the war scars were healed the better for Japan. Nevertheless, she would work in full conjunction with the Powers in respect of all European questions. He believed that Viscount Hiyashi was erroneously reported when he was made to say that Japan desired the exclusion of Germany from the League of Nations.

A NEW RAILWAY IN NORTH CHINA.

OPENING UP SHANSI.

CONSTRUCTION AND LOAN BY PEKING SYNDICATE.

Reuter learns, in connexion with the Presidential mandate of November 25th sanctioning the construction of the Chung-Ming branch railway, that this railway to all intents and purposes is a prolongation westwards of the Tso-Ching railway from its present terminus, Chinghsu to Menghsia on the left bank of the Yellow River, immediately north-east of Honanfu, an important ferry over which the bulk of the trade between the Luan and Tso-chow districts of Shansi and the south passes. The line, which will be about 65 kilometres in length, will pass through a highly cultivated district to which it will be of very considerable benefit by bringing it into direct communication with the main railway system of the country.

The agreement referred to in the Presidential Mandate was made with the Peking Syndicate, Ltd., who, besides being administrators and general managers of the Tso-Ching Railway, possess very large mining interests in the locality.

The agreement provides for a loan for the construction of the line, the net amount of which and the conditions of its issue are to be fixed not later than three years after the date of the agreement. In the meantime the Syndicate is to advance to the Government sufficient funds to commence and carry on the construction of the line.

Both the loan and the advances are secured, *inter alia*, by a general guarantee of the Government and firstly by a mortgage on the permanent way of the railway and its earnings and secondly by certain earnings of the Tso-Ching Railway.

The construction of the line will be carried out under the control of an engineer nominated by the Syndicate and appointed by the director of the Tso-Ching Railway Administration, who will also act concurrently as Director of the new line.

The engineer may, with the consent of the Tso-Ching Railway Administration, employ in the work of construction, any of the staff, rolling stock, plant and tools of the Tso-Ching railway, on rates to be determined by the Director of the Tso-Ching Railway and the Peking Syndicate are appointed purchasing agents for the new line and upon all materials purchased abroad they will receive a commission of 3 per cent. on the net cost thereof.

No provision is made for rolling stock, it being arranged that when the line or part of it is opened for traffic, the rolling stock of the Tso-Ching Railway shall be used on the line basis at rates to be fixed by the Director of the Tso-Ching Railway and the Peking Syndicate with the approval of the Ministry of Communications.

The terms of the loan agreement and also the working agreement of the Tso-Ching Railway will not apply to this agreement.

OLD POST OFFICE BUILDINGS.

NO BIDDERS.

At the Survey Office of the Public Works Department, yesterday afternoon, the old Post Office buildings, situated at the junction of Queen's Road, Central and Pedder Street, were put up for auction. There were about thirty persons present, including Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. F. Maitland, Mr. M. S. Northcote, Mr. Fred Ellis and Mr. A. Denison.

Mr. E. B. Reed was the auctioneer and he read out the conditions of sale, stating that the area was 38,120 square feet, and the annual rental \$4,378. He asked for the upset price of \$1,800,000. No bidders were forthcoming, although Mr. Reed invited those present to make any bid they wished to start the sale. The sale was consequently withdrawn.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION

OF BANKERS.

CHINESE AND CONSORTIUM.

Last week delegates from outposts were arriving in Shanghai to attend the National Bankers' Convention to be held there to-day.

The Convention, which has been called by the Shanghai Chinese Bankers' Association, says the *N.C. Daily News*, will discuss the agenda of the new Consortium's proposed loans to the Chinese Government, besides which a number of other matters will also be brought up for discussion.

Various bankers' associations and guilds in different centres of the country were expected to send representatives to participate in the conference.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

THE MINERS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

ATTEMPT AT TRADE UNION DICTATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, October 28th.

It would not enhance the reputation of Britain if our future generations had to record that the Great War was followed by the Great Strike.

It would be a discreditable episode in any case, but particularly discreditable if it had happened in present conditions, because not a single defensible motive for the strike was to be found.

The miners' demands were originally brought forward under two heads, which were said to be indivisible. Mr. Smilla, the miners' leader, claimed an additional 2s. per shift for his clients, but a much louder flourish of trumpet was played by his real followers, the price of household coal by 1s. 6d. per ton. But that real issue was quickly abandoned to his fate without a murmur from any corner of the coalfields, and Mr. Smilla was left to demand more money for the miners and to say that they got it without promising to do more work in return for it. "All take and no give" was the miners' motto.

The men in the coalfields rejected what Mr. Smilla would have accepted. Originally their demand provided that the extra 2s. per shift should be paid out of money which, according to their estimate, would be forthcoming out of the profits of exported coal. But the expectation was unground from the first, and was afterwards proved to be completely unfounded.

THE DEMAND ON THE GOVERNMENT.

On the eve of the strike the Government were confronted with an imperative demand that they should allow £30,000,000 of extra pay to the miners out of the pockets of their fellow citizens. That was what, in effect, the claim amounted to. The Government rightly resisted the claim, and offered to submit the points at issue to an impartial tribunal, agreeing in advance to act upon its verdict. But here again the miners proved obstinate. It was the acceptance of their demand or nothing short of a strike. They sought to over-ride the Government, and impose their will upon the nation.

An utterly untrue and distorted assertion was put into circulation that the Government had not abided by the findings of the Stanley Coal Commission's report of last year, and that, therefore, the Government were not to be trusted again. The plain English of this is that any section of organised malcontents must be free to use force if it cannot get a packed court as an instrument. On such a ground our revolutionaries did their utmost to engineer a general strike and pay the way to Revolution. It is a perfect copy of the trickery that delivered Russia to Bolshevism. That it failed, and failed signally, is attributable to the sound common sense and political instinct of the British people as a whole.

PARLIAMENT AND THE STRIKE.

All predictions to the contrary notwithstanding, the resumption of the Parliamentary session has been quiet and almost dull. So far the most controversial subject has been the coal strike, but it has been the least productive of interest. No Commons deals with a big issue that is, with a marked sense of the gravity of the situation. The debate on the strike did not provide much colouring for the pictures of Parliament drawn by the descriptive writers in the Press.

The casual visitor seeing only the surface of things would probably have come to the conclusion that no good had been done. There would have been a sense of disappointment. But the friendly tone that prevailed and the interchange of views behind the Speaker's chair as well as across the floor of the House, helped to push open a little wider the door which, as events subsequently proved, made possible the approach which led up to the final discussions.

Some people found Sir Robert Horne's survey of the trouble little hard; but it was merely the instinct of the lawyer not to concede more than was necessary at the opening of the case. His review of the negotiations with the miners' representatives in which he played a distinguished part was both fair and reasonable.

THE MINERS' MEMBERS.

The miners could have had no more effective champions than Mr. William Brace and Mr. Hartshorn. They represent the most militant sections of the coalfields, and therefore spoke under difficulties which were fully appreciated, but while ostensibly wedded to a non-conventional grant of the 2s. increase, they admitted that unless increased output was given the extra money could not be paid, and the industrial supremacy of this country could not be maintained. By this admission so far as argument went all "kick" was knocked out of the miners' resistance.

THE RAILWAYMEN.

The motive of the railwaymen in "butting in" and thereby causing endless difficulty in regard to the strike on the morrow of the debate in Parliament, is imperfectly understood, even here, if one were solely guided by the political party papers. Their motive must, therefore, I imagine, be even more obscure to readers many thousands of miles away. But it is simple enough if you are conversant with the inner workings of Labour politics, more especially as regards the big Trade Unions.

There were two principal reasons. One is how stated by an illustration. It is somewhat subtle. There is a well-known trick in journalism to find out what is going to happen, clamour for it with great violence and show of indignation; and then, when it has come to pass, proclaim to all the world that it was your doing. In this country it has been reduced to a fine art by the Northcliffe Press. In the present case following the House of Commons debate the door was shut. The railwaymen attacked it violently, declaring that if the Government did not do what it was well understood was in contemplation they would declare a lightning strike. They hoped to be able to represent themselves as having been strong enough to dictate to the Government.

THE PERSONAL FACTOR.

But there was also another reason. It was due to the personal rivalry which, as I have pointed out many times in this correspondence, exists between Trade Union leaders. They are as jealous of one another as a couple of operatic "stars."

When the strike crisis developed to the "down tools" stage in the coalfields Mr. J. H. Thomas, the railwaymen's leader, was on the Continent. In his absence the extremists, headed by Mr. Cramp, decided to steal a march on him, and they presented the ultimatum to the Government. In the meantime Mr. Thomas hurried back from Prague. He found Mr. Cramp and his supporters in the ascendant, and, as they believed, triumphant. But Mr. Thomas turned them down. He flatly refused to sign the notices to branch secretaries of the Union to go to work, and the notices were issued without his name or authority. Further, he risked his position as leader by threatening to resign.

In the result the railway strike threat fizzled out. The men in many of the most important centres in the country were wired to headquarters that they would not come out as ordered. Thus the cleverly engineered coup failed. Mr. Thomas won through, defeating the extremists in his Union, and effectively scotching the movement to join with the miners in dictating to the Government. The tragedy of it all is that while this sort of thing is going on the country suffers.

A DISTURBANCE IN FLEET STREET.

A "circulation" controversy which began between the Star and the Evening Standard on the one side and the Evening News on the other is contributing to the general gaiety in these dull times. The Evening News boasted that it is London's "predominant evening journal with a circulation of 800,000 copies per issue." This was a staggering claim to all the other evening papers, and the annoyance of the Star and the Evening News was boiled over when the News modestly claimed that its "net sale exceeds the net sales of any three London evening newspapers." The wrathful pair forthwith challenged the News to prove that its sales last June exceeded theirs, and offered to pay £10,000 to St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind if they were wrong, the boastful one to do the same should it fail to make good its claim.

Every day for weeks past both sides have been shouting defiance at each other in half columns of large type, and there seems to be no end to the quarrel. The amusing part of it is that neither the Star nor the Standard will produce their books. Meanwhile, the Daily News has appeared in the arena as chief backer, the Star, and all the Northern papers, have come out in support of the sister paper, the Evening News. The Daily Mail screams "ooon" every morning at the "top of its voice," well knowing that this personal gibe is peculiarly offensive to Mr. Cadbury, whose money keeps the ink flowing in Bouverie Street.

The men in the street and in the train laughs at all this frantic row. It does not cure a brass button one way or the other. The people whom circulation really matters are the advertisers, and they can generally be trusted to know what particular paper suits their requirements.

LORD FISHER'S PAPERS.

The utmost curiosity has been aroused by the claims in Lord Fisher's will, which has just been proved, in which he leaves all his correspondence, documents, and papers to the Duchess of Hamilton, including his leather writing case which was given to him by her. The stipulation is made that it is to be handed to her "with all its contents, just as it is, unopened."

The explanation, of course, is that the famous Admiral was the closest of friends of friendship with the Duchess of Hamilton, and her husband in the latter years of his life, and he was also a great friend of her children.

The Duchess is a daughter of the late Major Robert Poore, and a sister of Colonel Poore, the well-known cricketer. Lord Fisher's son, the present holder of the title, came into a vast fortune under the will of a friend of his father's, the late Mr. J. Vassart, of Kilverston and Blackheath. Lord Fisher selected his title "of Kilverston" from his son's estate.

H.B.

ONE REMEDY.

We learn with concern, says a London paper, that some forty people are leaving the country in order to enjoy life on a South Sea island, free from taxation. Mr. Rhodes Disher, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, leads the pioneers, and Mr. C. O. Kerry will command the good ship Medora, a schooner yacht recently purchased for the adventure. Till an island or part of an island has been secured, the party will live aboard their vessel, and one strict rule has been made—there shall be no politics. A happy island and assuredly a trusting flock! Alas, the 45-year-old Medora is but 97ft. in length and 20ft. in beam. Mr. Disher may know his geography, and although some of his expeditions have suffered mischance, Capt. Kerry may know his navigation, yet, if we know aught of human nature, there will be worse than politics on the overladen craft. Better to earn and pay one's taxes than to lose one's temper or one's all.

"FLANNELLED FOOL."

A "PLUM" WARNER STORY.

At a banquet given in honour of Mr. P. P. Warner at the end of last month, Mr. Warner told of meeting Mr. Kipling in South Africa and asking him, if he really thought cricketers and footballers were as bad as the phrase "flannelled fools and muddled oafs" implied. Mr. Kipling said, in reply, "In this world, if you don't manage, nobody will take any notice of you." (Laughter.)

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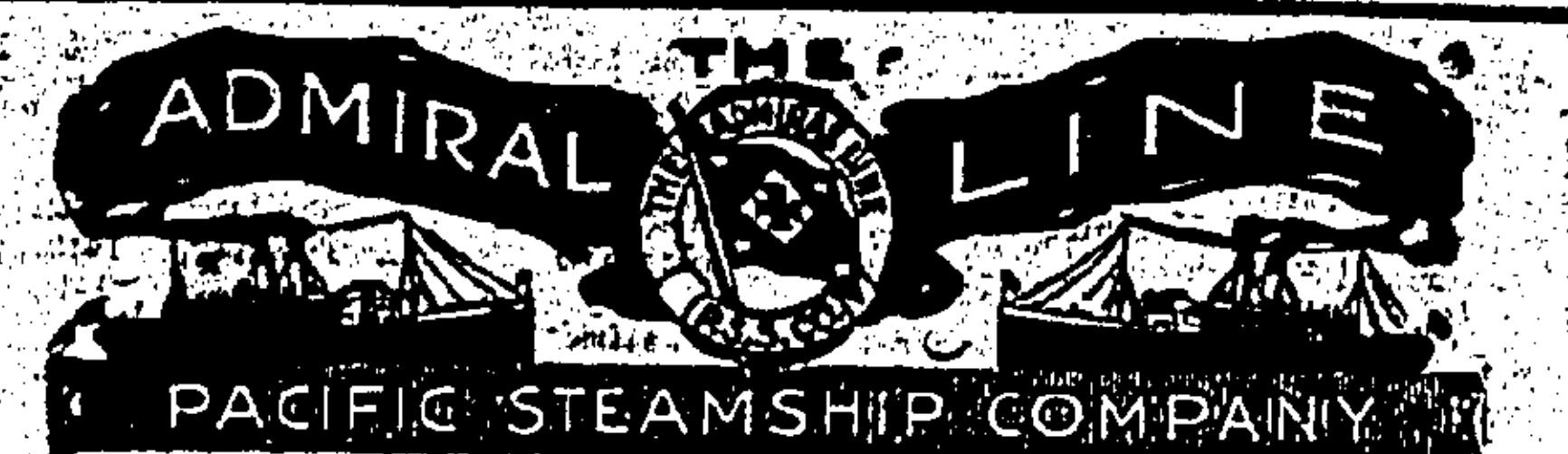
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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI	Somali	7th Dec
Europe (via Negapatam)	Tunda	7th Dec
MASSILA and AUSTRALIA	Changsha	7th Dec
STRAITS	Tanaka Maru	7th Dec
STRAITS	Rangoon Maru	8th Dec
STRAITS	Tanaka	8th Dec
STRAITS and JAPAN	Kamo Maru	8th Dec
STRAITS	Shidzuka Maru	10th Dec
JAPAN	Fukushima Maru	10th Dec
EUROPE (via Negapatam)	Nippon	11th Dec

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hulow and Bangkok	Hupoh	Tuesday, 7th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Suwayang	Tuesday, 7th, 10.00 A.M.
Amoy, Shanghai and North China	Thesus	Registered, 8.45 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India, via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ	Hai Hong	Tuesday, 7th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow	Kwaiyang	Tuesday, 7th, 1.00 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, and Calcutta	Talhybius	Tuesday, 7th, 1.45 P.M.
Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via VICTORIA, R.C.	Kan Ying Fat	Tuesday, 7th, 2.00 P.M.
*Hohow	Onyung Hong	Tuesday, 7th, 3.00 P.M.
Fort Bayard	Sonuli	Tuesday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Gunboat and Tourane		Wednesday, 8th, 5.30 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India, via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSILLES		Wednesday, 8th, 5.30 A.M.
The Parcel Mail will be closed Friday, at 11.00		
Hohow and Haiphong	Lokano	Wednesday, 8th, 8.00 A.M.
Amoy	Van Waerwyck	Wednesday, 8th, 11.00 A.M.
Java & Port Moresby via Batavia	Tyondari	Wednesday, 8th, 2.00 P.M.
*Straits and Bangkok	Rajah of Sarawak	Wednesday, 8th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, N. China, and Japan	Tunda	Wednesday, 8th, 4.00 P.M.
*Swatow, Shanghai and North China	Onyung	Wednesday, 8th, 5.00 P.M.
Japan, Honolulu, *Amoy, *United States, Central and South America	Tokyo Maru	Thursday, 9th, 8.45 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Sinkiang	Thursday, 9th, 10.30 A.M.
Japan, *Batavia and Haiphong	West Japan	Thursday, 9th, 11.00 A.M.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kaifong	Friday, 10th, 8.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India, via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSILLES	Kamo Maru	Friday, 10th, 8.45 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, *Canada, *United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via VICTORIA	Alabama Maru	Friday, 10th, 9.15 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Loong	Friday, 10th, 11.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Loonyang	Friday, 10th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai, N. China and Japan	Shidzuka Maru	Saturday, 11th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Tanaka	Saturday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Kaiyo Maru	Sunday, 12th, 8.00 A.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kanow	Tuesday, 14th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, *Canada, *United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via SEATTLE	Fukushima Maru	Tuesday, 14th, 9.45 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India, via Dhanushkodi, Bombay and Aden	Dunera	Tuesday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Tuesday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.

* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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REGULAR AND FAST FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICES LONDON SERVICE

"PYRRHUS"	21st DEC. London, Amsterdam & Antwerp.
"RHESUS"	4th JAN. London, Amsterdam & Hamburg.
"MACHAON"	11th JAN. London, Amsterdam & Antwerp.
"CANFA"	25th JAN. London, Amsterdam & Hamburg.
"IXION"	6th FEB. London, Amsterdam & Antwerp.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

"TELEMACHUS"	12th DEC. Havre & Liverpool.
"DEMODOCUS"	23rd DEC. Genoa, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"ORESTES"	25th DEC. Liverpool.
"ALOINUS"	3rd JAN. Marseilles, Havre & Liverpool.

PACIFIC SERVICE

"TYNDAREUS"	30th DEC. Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma & Vancouver.
"TEUCER"	1st FEB.
"PROTEUS"	15th FEB.

NEW YORK SERVICE

"LAOMEDON"	13th JAN. via Suez.
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HOMEWARD PASSENGER SERVICE

"PYRRHUS"	21st DEC. for London direct.
"ANCHISES"	1st FEB. for Liverpool direct.
"MENTOR"	22nd FEB. for London direct.
"TEIBESIAS"	1st MAR. for London direct.

FOR FREIGHT AND ALL INFORMATION APPLY TO—

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COMMERCIAL OPENING QUOTATIONS.

December 6th.	
On LONDON—	Telegraphic Transfer 3/4
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 3/4	
Bank Bills, at 6 months sight 3/4	
Credit, at 4 months sight 3/4	
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight 3/4	
On PARIS—	Bank Bills, on demand 1015
Credit, 4 months sight 1015	
On NEW YORK—	Bank Bills, on demand 60 1/2
Credit, at 60 days sight 60 1/2	
On HONGKONG—	Telegraphic Transfer 11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand 11 1/2	
On CALCUTTA—	Telegraphic Transfer 11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand 11 1/2	
On SHANGHAI—	Bank Bills, at night 11 1/2
Private, 30 days sight 11 1/2	
On YOKOHAMA—	On demand 11 1/2
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